

THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE OF 22 JANUARY 1946

Comparison of the Presidential Directive and the draft directive presented by the Secretaries shows their very close organic relationship and indicates three significant differences. The variations of language and of direction are to be expected and require no comment.

The three significant differences are as follows:

1. In Paragraph ^{5 (2c)} 5c of the phrase "including the direct procurement of intelligence" has been omitted. This may have been done in order to avoid mentioning it in a document which was to be published.
2. In Paragraph ^(H) 6 the phrase "or internal security functions" has been added to the denial of police or law-enforcement powers. This interpolation was made with the intent of reserving that field entirely to the FBI.
3. Paragraph 9 is entirely new and derives from the same source as 2 above. The original draft did not contemplate excluding the CIG from any investigations "inside the continental limits of the United States and its possessions." The only loophole in the restriction lies in the final qualifying phrase: "except as provided by law and Presidential directives."

The Directive broadened the proposal in one sense, as indicated in Paragraph 8. The original plan had referred to "intelligence agencies of the government," and the Directive made the requirement of furnishing to CIG of intelligence information apply to all "departments and agencies of the executive branch."

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JANUARY 22, 1946

Following is the text of a directive sent by the President to the Secretary of State, Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy with regard to the coordination of the foreign intelligence activities of the federal government:

1. It is my desire, and I hereby direct, that all Federal foreign intelligence activities be planned, developed and coordinated so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security. I hereby designate you, together with another person to be named by me as my personal representative, as the National Intelligence Authority to accomplish this purpose.

2. Within the limits of available appropriations, you shall each from time to time assign persons and facilities from your respective Departments, which persons shall collectively form a Central Intelligence Group and shall, under the direction of a Director of Central Intelligence, assist the National Intelligence Authority. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be designated by me, shall be responsible to the National Intelligence Authority, and shall sit as a non-voting member thereof.

3. Subject to the existing law, and to the direction and control of the National Intelligence Authority, the Director of Central Intelligence shall:

a. Accomplish the correlation and evaluation of intelligence relating to the national security, and the appropriate dissemination within the Government of the resulting strategic and national policy intelligence. In so doing, full use shall be made of the staff and facilities of the intelligence agencies of your Departments.

b. Plan for the coordination of such of the activities of the intelligence agencies of your Departments as relate to the national security and recommend to the National Intelligence Authority the establishment of such over-all policies and objectives as will assure the most effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission.

c. Perform, for the benefit of said intelligence agencies, such services of common concern as the National Intelligence Authority determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally.

d. Perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the President and the National Intelligence Authority may from time to time direct.

4. No police, law enforcement or internal security functions shall be exercised under this directive.

5. Such intelligence received by the intelligence agencies of your Departments as may be designated by the National Intelligence Authority shall be freely available to the Director of Central Intelligence for correlation, evaluation or dissemination. To the extent approved by the National Intelligence Authority, the operations of said intelligence agencies shall be open to inspection by the Director of Central Intelligence in connection with planning functions.

6. The existing intelligence agencies of your Departments shall continue to collect, evaluate, correlate and disseminate departmental intelligence.

7. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be advised by an Intelligence Advisory Board consisting of the heads (or their representatives) of the principal military and civilian intelligence agencies of the Government having functions related to national security, as determined by the National Intelligence Authority.

8. Within the scope of existing law and Presidential directives, other departments and agencies of the executive branch of the Federal Government shall furnish such intelligence information relating to the national security as is in their possession, and as the Director of Central Intelligence may from time to time request pursuant to regulations of the National Intelligence Authority.

9. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the making of investigations inside the continental limits of the United States and its possessions; except as provided by law and Presidential directives.

10. In the conduct of their activities the National Intelligence Authority and the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for fully protecting intelligence sources and methods.